

Candia Conservation Commission

Approved

Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2007

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, J. Miele, E. Kruse, J. Lindsey, D. Snow, D. Weeks, E. Davidson, D. Lewis, T. Giffen and guests Keith Martel from KAM Development and Justin Ziemba from Promised Land Survey.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Guest Ziemba presented a plan for wetland crossing on the Martel property, a 13 acre parcel on Palmer Road. The area impacted would be approximately 2300 square feet. Mr. Ziemba noted that tree impact would be approximately 30' x 27'. The proposed area would include two 18" culverts. He also noted that steps will be taken to avoid erosion. A motion was made by E. Kruse to sign the minimum impact application and seconded by D. Snow. Motion approved.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed with the following changes: Page one, fifth paragraph, third sentence should read: Ed read a letter from Bear Paw and recused himself. Page two, fifth paragraph last sentence should read: They will continue to work on the proper wording for the Liquid Planet easement. Page two, seventh paragraph, L-CHIP should be in all capital letters. A motion was made by E. Kruse to accept the minutes as amended and seconded by J. Lindsey. Motion carried.

Land/Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board - Ed Fowler noted a conversation with Joe Falzone regarding the ten house subdivision on Crowley Road. Mr. Falzone said there is no interest in placing any of the property in a conservation easement. Concerns were raised from committee members about a possible subdivision. Ed reminded the committee that this would be a planning board issue. Ed noted that this area is part of the Fordway Brook Headwaters area, a high priority.

Also under Wetlands Permits, Ed Fowler read a petition for appeal letter sent on November 30 from Romeo Danai to DES.

Under Correspondence, Ed Fowler read an e-mail regarding the Senate tax incentive. Also, information on NH Estuaries is accepting applications for its community technical assistance program. Applications will be accepted beginning January 15, 2008. An e-mail was sent from Larry Twitchel through the website questioning from whom the town acquired land and or rights in the last five years. D. Snow will contact Mr. Twitchel and clarify the question and provide him with an appropriate response.

Also under correspondence, from DES was a copy of the completed forestry notification which was sent to Ron Severino. An advertisement was received from NE Erosion Control regarding storm water protection plans. A letter from Fred Borman III, Extension Educator/Rockingham County was requesting contact information as to the town's tree warden.

Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments invoices - Three deposits were made in

December totaling \$28,376. Dick noted that the total amount as of this year is \$136,501.24.

Under Conservation Commission Website - Joe Miele will submit for review a web page on the Deerfield Road Town Forest to post.

Lamprey River Watershed, Dick Snow noted that the December meeting was cancelled. D. Snow briefly discussed the upcoming Lamprey River walk.

Conservation Land Easement Acquisition Status – Regarding the Sanborn property, E. Kruse noted we have a purchase and sales agreement which obligates us to pay \$ 595,000 payable in five installments of \$119,000. Ed noted that the first check will be issued once the easement is signed. Ed recused himself prior to the following discussion. Having received an award of \$266,800 from the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program, T. Giffen made a motion authorizing the payment of \$ 595,000 over a five year period for the purchase of the development rights for the 49.426 acres (Map 414, lots 40 & 41) to the Sanborns. Ellie Davidson stood in as a voting member to temporarily replace E. Fowler who was recused. D. Snow did not participate in the vote. E. Davidson seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was made in favor of the motion. Ed noted a \$457 bill for Bart Mayer for the title search. A motion was made by D. Snow to authorize the chairman to expend the amount for costs associated with the Sanborn easement. The motion was seconded by T. Giffen. All were in favor. E. Kruse suggested that the Sanborns be recognized for this easement. D. Snow suggested sending a press release and that they be recognized at the town meeting, deliberative session.

Bear Paw Status Report – There was discussion regarding the walk of Kinnicum Pond on January 12. Plans to walk the property were cancelled due to access issues. E. Kruse will offer Bear Paw an option to walk a different location or reschedule the Kinnicum date. She also noted the annual meeting is February 9th.

Open Space Subcommittee – the newsletter will soon be delivered. Open Space would like to develop a flyer to go in the Boy Scout packet. There was discussion regarding the content of the flyer.

Under Management Plans for Town Lands – E. Fowler noted that S. Wilderman was willing to clear the paths on the Deerfield Road Town Property. E. Kruse noted that Jack Munn will be coming to the January meeting.

D. Snow will have town signs made.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by J. Lindsey and seconded by T. Giffen. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris